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22 MAR 1996

General Chi Haotian  
Minister of National Defense  
People's Republic of China

Dear General Chi:

On a personal level, I have been eager to return the fine courtesies and hospitality afforded to me and my delegation as your guests during our memorable trip to China in October 1994. I vividly recall the highly successful trips to my country of Chinese Defense Ministers General Geng Biao in 1980 and General Zhang Aiping in 1984 as illustrative of the potential gains that can be realized when conditions permit.

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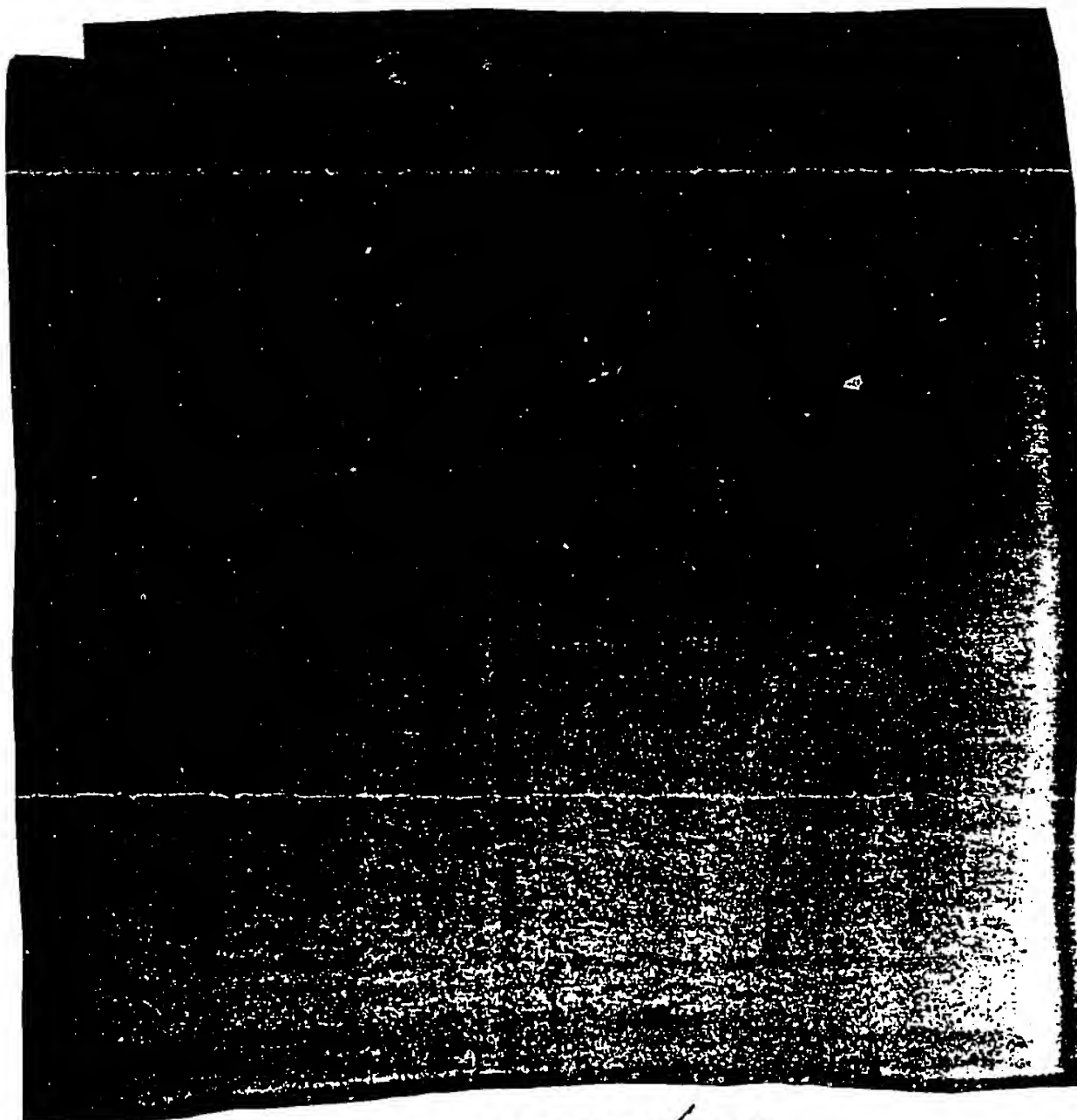
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Sincerely,

*William G. Perry*

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